

PREDICT EARLY BREAK IN STRIKE OF RAILROAD MEN

Vice President Whitney of the Railroad Trainmen and President Heberling of the Switchmen Place Time Within 48 Hours—1,000 Brotherhood Men From Other Cities Have Answered Call to Go to Chicago as Strike Breakers—Slight Improvement Noted in Chicago—Strike is Spreading From Coast to Coast—Embargo on Freight at Buffalo Continues.

their normal business, the Pennsylvania said that it was moving nearly half of its freight while the behige reported movements on Wednesday of 50 per cent, and today of 25 per cent.

Local industries began today to feel the effects of the strike. The packing plants were virtually without ship-

ments. The Lackawanna Steel Company was working with about half its normal force and officials said that if the tieup continued only enough men would remain at work to keep the fire alive. Automobile plants and other manufacturing establishments were unable to get raw material were forced to curtail or cease operations. At a meeting tonight attended

about 1,500 of the striking switchmen the grand lodge of the International Yard Workers Association was organized. It was said by the officers that this organization would be extended to other cities where the switchmen are on strike, and they declared that the association would represent the switchmen's union and also the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as far as it affects yardmen.

Detroit, Mich., April 8.—The urban strikers' strike of switchmen which began in the local yards of the Michigan Central railroad this forenoon with the walkout of a few crews, has extended this afternoon to other yards and according to representatives of the strikers, more than 1,000 men have quit by 2 p. m. More than 200 locomotives, it was stated, had been laid off.

MASS MEETING CALLED OF NEW YORK CENTRAL MEN

Cleveland, O., April 8.—Circulars were distributed late this afternoon to the millwood yards of the New York Central railroad calling on the men of the Central of switchmen, brakemen, freemen and engineers tonight to consider the action in sympathy with the Chicago strikers. The undersigned strikers from Buffalo and Toledo will address the meeting.

CONGRESS TAKES UP STRIKE OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

Washington, April 2.—Congress to consider today the bill to recognize the right of the railroad employees, which, starting at Chicago, has spread to half a dozen cities from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois introduced a resolution authorizing the interstate commerce commission to investigate the strike.

The resolution proposed an investigation of any existing strike of railroad employees not authorized by officers of the railroad workmen's unions. Senator Pomerene, democratic Ohio, wanted to know whether the resolution would apply specifically to strikes reported today from Los

These walkouts, he declared, had taken place despite the efforts of the leaders of the railroad crafts to prevent them.

With the unauthorized strike spreading, President Wilson's advisers urged him to speedily appoint a railroad labor board provided for in the transportation act. Finally, he talked with the president and was giving the appointments and

consideration and probably will make them within a few days.

CONFLICTING VIEWS OF RAILROAD STRIKE

Chicago, April 8.—While leaders of the insurgent switchmen and trainmen insisted tonight that their strike had spread from coast to coast and involved some 25,000 men, officers

Reports from nearly a score of cities where the insurgents struck, as officers said, indicated that about 600 men had been affected directly or indirectly, including 8,000 in Chicago, where the trouble started several days ago.

efforts to win over any considerable number of the strikers, but tonight said various groups had returned to work and that they saw signs of weakening among the men who said would be brought back to work in a few days for lack of funds.

FRENCH TROOPS BATTLE WITH TURKS IN MOROCCO

Taza, Morocco, April 8.—French troops have been engaged in a re-mustering operation against a body of natives belonging to the tribe of Beni Ourain on the route south of Fez. Four French soldiers and an officer were killed. The enemy dispersed by artillery, which inflicted severe losses.

Hartford, Conn., April 2.—Governor Holcomb, in a proclamation for the designated next week as "Be Kind Animals Week" and sets aside 8 day April 18, as "Humane Sunday." The week will be observed with special activities by humane societies throughout the state.

TENNESSEE REPUBLICAN

DELEGATES UNINSTRUCTED
Jackson, Tenn., April 8.—Uninstructed delegates were elected to the republican national convention at the meeting today of the Eighth district convention.